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Mrs. Effa Manley
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Dear friend, Effa:

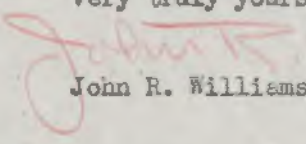
I am just now in receipt of your letter dated December 14th, but postmarked the 16th. I don't know whether or not the letter was written after your talk with me on the phone. Thanks for the "news". I really appreciate your splendid friendship and your endeavor to keep me posted but there was nothing in the letter at all that I did not know, but again, many thanks to you.

Saperstein and Welch wanted me to put the Birmingham Barons here in Detroit. They will take all the players and will leave Hayes holding the bag. If I were going to take a team here, I would take your club. I mentioned the same to Abe last summer, but for your and Abe's information, I am not going to bother with baseball next summer, but if I change, I will let you know. I haven't had any rest in 8 or 9 years and I promised my wife that I would take a good long rest next summer, possibly in California. Needless to say, if I don't promote baseball in Briggs Stadium, there will be no baseball there. Some of our friends don't want to believe that, but that is the real dope.

Colored baseball needs a good house-cleaning. It needs to get rid of some of the Poseys, some of the Martins. I may play two games in June, if so your club and Cleveland will be one of the attractions and I have already committed myself concerning another attraction, but there will be nothing later than June in any event. I am not yet ready to talk about that.

Bye now, and kindest regards to you and Abe.

Very truly yours,


John R. Williams, Editor

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